

THEY ARE HOPEFUL

RICHMOND MERCHANTS EXPECT BETTER TIMES IN THE NEW YEAR.

Collectors are Pretty Good and Larger Sales are Anticipated in the Spring—Some Interesting Expressions.

The business-men of Richmond enter the new year with renewed energy and bright hopes. Manufacturers and merchants alike look forward to better times and greater activity. Transactions during the year just closed have been conservative, and neither the producers nor retailers have allowed their stocks to accumulate unnecessarily. One of the best signs of the better condition of things is the improvement in collections. Out-of-town merchants have bought cautiously, and as a rule met their obligations promptly. A representative in his rounds yesterday asked a great number of merchants what they thought of the prospects for 1895, and their replies are appended:

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C. L. Todd: It is against the law for a man to say that it will be other than good, and if he says that he will at once be a candidate for admission to the Asylum.

C. H. Simpson: We look for a better year.

W. M. Parikh: I think business will soon adjust itself to the tariff law; but in my opinion a danger confronts us in what Mr. Cleveland terms elastic currency, which is based on credit.

F. D. Beveridge: I think the outlook is good. It is always the unexpected that is happening.

Julius A. Hobson: The outlook is very good.

J. J. Hickok: The outlook, so far as I can see, is not satisfactory.

James D. Patton: The outlook is generally bright. At least I think so. There is generally a better feeling.

Allen Donnan: The outlook in the cotton States is not so good as in the States where we travel. The territory is leaving with much trepidation.

Joseph W. Blanton: I hope business will be brighter. Trade is not so good as it was some time ago, and I think the prospects are brighter.

F. H. Deane & Co.: The indications are for a better trade this year. The indications are for a better trade this year.

A. B. Clarke: I live in hope that the trade this year will be an improvement over that of last. I think the prices and demand will both improve.

E. A. Saunders: I don't think the outlook is very encouraging. It is true that obligations are not so great, but I don't think the outlook is very encouraging.

Charles H. Watkins: I think the demand for goods will be larger, and yet I hardly know on what to base the assumption. Orders have already begun to come in, and I think the outlook is brighter.

John D. Blair: I think the outlook is brighter. I think the outlook is brighter.

George D. Thaxton: I am under the impression that business will be slow for the coming year. The outlook is brighter.

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TWELVE OF PETERSBURG'S CITY ORDINANCES OUT OF TUNE.

Importation of the Council-Southside Railroad Renewal Bonds—Extra Appropriations Made.

PETERSBURG, VA., January 1.—(Special.)—The Mayor sent in a communication to the Common Council this evening suggesting, in view of a recent decision of the Judge of the Hustings Court, that he has no jurisdiction in cases where the penalty for violations of law exceed \$20, and that the Council should take action to have the code amended or revised. The Mayor named at least twelve ordinances that need revision in this respect.

The Council decided to move slowly in the matter and simply amended the license laws to conform with the Court's opinion. Other ordinances will be revised hereafter.

The Council made provision for the renewal of \$10,000 of Southside railroad 8 percent bonds, which fall due next August, to bear 5 percent interest, and to be known as "Southside railroad renewal bonds." A resolution was adopted authorizing the Mayor to borrow \$20,000 for temporary purposes.

LAID OVER.

The Public Property Committee reported in favor of the erection of a new building in Courthouse Square. The committee also reported on the collection of taxes with special orders, at a cost of \$3,000. This was laid over for consideration.

An extra appropriation of \$200 was made for the completion of our waterworks system, making the total cost about \$5,000. The register of the Public Property Committee was laid over for consideration.

WITH SUICIDAL INTENT.

Mr. Judson Harout Attempts to Kill His Wife—Seven Bells Zero—Other Notes.

MONTEREY, CA., January 1.—(Special.)—Mr. Judson Harout, of the "Red Holes" settlement, near the Highland and Bath line, a rather isolated neighborhood, attempted to commit suicide a few days ago. He got up at his job, and went out to work, and then, feeling that he was the family support, to feed the stock; but, as the sequel showed, with suicidal intentions, although he was not successful in his attempt.

He returned to the house an hour later, bleeding from the head, and was found by his wife. He carried his hat in one hand and an axe in the other, admitting that he had attempted self-destruction. He was taken to the hospital, and is now recovering.

Highland railway full share of the recent snowfall, which is thought to have been a pretty general one. The mercury ran as low as 7 degrees below zero on Saturday, and the snow was about four inches deep. The snow was about four inches deep, and the mercury ran as low as 7 degrees below zero on Saturday.

While the family of Mr. Ward, who works at a large lumber-mill near Boyd's Creek, in the lower part of the town, were absent from home a few nights ago, some one broke into the house and carried away a trunk, which contained a large sum of money. A gentleman reported to your correspondent to-day that the trunk was yet in the water and a note for the same amount.

PROBABLE FATAL EXPLOSION.

Four Persons Terribly Injured by a Package of Gunpowder.

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